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PROGRAMS

Feb. 12th - Directors meeting and Thursday night gang meeting.

Feb. 13th - D. J. Angus, W9CYQ, will talk on Radio Compasses and direction finding. This information may come in handy later on so make it a point to be there.

Feb. 20th - Business meeting and directors meeting.

Feb. 27th - George B. Cannon of the Diamond Chain Mfg. Co., will talk to the club on Weather Predictions, and amateur meteorology. Mr. Cannon has built and uses many instruments of his own design and is well known for his work in this field, so we feel it will be an evening well spent. Come and bring a friend.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

The program committee has plans for a big month for March. Included is the possibility of a program by our well known 5-star attraction - R. J. Kryter. In addition, Rudy Crandall will award the chisel on the 20th and of course an initiation is to be held that month.

THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks for the very FB map that the Cram May Company donated to the club for it's defense work. This is a large scale map mounted on heavy board and has the advantage of washability. Again we say thanks.

IN THE SERVICES

As stated before, we will attempt to send Amachewer to all in the services if they will keep us informed as to their whereabouts. The fellows still at home will do well if they will take the time to write to the service boys once in awhile and cheer them up. Bill Hibbert, W9ENJ, sends a card that he is now stationed at MacDill Field, 113th Obs. Squad., USA Air Corps, Tampa, Fla.

Averell Brown, W9JRK, left on Feb. 6th, for parts unknown. We hope to be able to give his new QRA next month.

Harold McGee, W9YZQ, was accepted by the navy and is now in the RADAR school. Another local ham although not a club member has joined this branch of the navy. He is Harry Weston. His picture was in the Indianapolis News, also the Star.

Ye Editor tried to enlist in the same branch of the Navy but was turned down because of his eyes. He now stands 1A in the army draft. Perhaps the next issue of Amachewer will be turned out by a new editor. If this is the case, I would like to

continue receiving Amachewer and hopes that his efforts in trying to get the club's doings on paper have helped. At any rate he hopes that when he asks for you to drop him a line that he receives more mail than he has as editor.

NEW MEMBER

We extend our greetings to our newest member W9DAG, J. A. Lovell. Lovell had the misfortune to receive his license the day after war was declared, so he has not been on the air. We hope this state of being does not overstrain him and we truthfully believe those energies that would have been expended in pounding brass or holding a mike, will now be used in helping push the club over the rough spots ahead. In fact we know that we can count on him.

HAMS

We as hams are now facing the black prospect of inactivity. The early efforts to get back on the air with a helping hand, have at the present time, suffered a set back. This perhaps is due to the many who are seeking personal glory for themselves and trying to jump the gun just to be "On the air". It is perhaps wise to tell you now that if we do get on, that it will be as a useful medium and not as of old with our ragchews. That ham who now tries to put himself to the front as the only one that is able to be of service is upsetting the applecart and giving the hams as a whole a black eye.

As yet we in this country have not had need of any emergency communications. Those in charge of the civilian setup perhaps are not foresighted enough (as seem to be many of our leaders) to realize that when telephone and telegraph circuits are down that the only quick communication left is Radio. This lack of foresight on their part, or our lack of organization can only be circumvented by our preparedness when the need arises. So it behooves us to have our equipment ready (Unless ordered to dismantle) for any emergency that we can think of, plan for, or ourselves foresee. Our efforts might be in vain but the realization we are ready and available with workable equipment if the need arises is surely one that must not be overlooked.

The politics that are being played in this - our war (?) can give a black eye to us if we are not ready when the call is thrust upon us by emergency conditions that can arise. The need might even be the commandeering of your station and you as operator due to the lack of official equipment and personnel. To you the reader, this might sound as if you are losing privileges but are we not liable to lose more than just privileges if we do not have the backbone to put up a united front against any contingency.

Back in the beginning of World War #1 the outlook for the ham was very black but the spirit did not die and so ham radio has continued and developed, even helping develop commercial radio to its present level. Just what ham radio has done for the country will be shown by the help that we the trained radio operator with our knowledge of radio equipment can render in this conflict - World War #2. Then it is that after victory (and we must pitch in to our utmost) the USA, since it becomes embroiled in the European wars, must take a leading part in planning a just settlement of grievances and not permit a repetition of the Versailles Treaty with its hatreds. In this settlement it is that the ham having shown his worth will again enjoy the fellowship and joy of operation that is his right by discovery and development.

To these ends we should plan and not be discouraged by any present or future restrictive wartime rules or regulations that we as hams have always tried to follow. Then it will be our privilege and pleasure to return to the air as we did following the first World War. Perhaps this war will advance Radio a step as it did the last and we shall enter a new field of development.

PROGRAMS AND PROPOSALS

President Waggoner has named Con Davis to serve on the program committee with Nelson Trusler and they would appreciate any suggestions in the line of programs you would like to hear or any that you would be willing to put on.

An initiation has been scheduled for March and will be given by a committee to be named by the President.

Let's make it our business to get new members into the club to offset those who are being called into the service. In this connection quite a bit of discussion was held at the last meeting following the reading of the 1941 financial report by the auditing committee. Loss of revenue from dues of those entering the service must be met in some manner and the club voted to leave it up to the board of directors, to do as they saw fit. One way is to get new members into the club. It is now a good time to see those who have never belonged and point out the advantages of having a place to let off steam as well as meeting the fellows who have the same interests.

In a like vein, members who have been letting their membership slide will be reminded of this fact by a reminder enclosed in their issue of Amachewer.

Since our own station W9JP has been off the air we have started receiving light bills from Insley Mfg. Co. showing excessive use of lights. A letter asking just what this represents has been sent to them as the membership feels that perhaps the garage below is actually the one that is causing the mounting bill inasmuch as the curtailed operation of the transmitters should cause a drop in the power bill of the club.

RAMBLING

Nelson Trusler - who had a going away party way back in 1941 - has enrolled in his law school course again, so we just wonder what he really means or is trying to do. Perhaps he liked the party so much and wants to have another one. "How about it" smoker of crooked cigars?

Art Schultz reported that Aliens having radios capable of receiving short wave broadcasts could conform to the Alien radio act by having the short wave disconnected in such a way as to render the receiver useless on the short wave bands. The service man disconnecting the shortwave portion of the set to give the Alien a receipt showing the work had been performed on the set.

Wonder what kind of presentation Rudy will make of the shisel? Guess I will have to be there and find out. As if I would ever miss a meeting of the Indianapolis Radio Club.

Which recalls to mind that Rudy said the AM station license application has been frozen by the FCC but the FM license is still pending. This seems to indicate that the FCC is considering restricting issuance of Broadcast Band licenses for the duration but will permit FM on the HF where radiation is limited as to distance.

Then too Rudy says he has something up his sleeve for communication in the city without radiation. Come on Rudy and let the cat out of the bag.